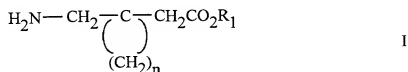


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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for preventing and treating inflammatory diseases comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment an anti-inflammatory amount of a GABA analog.

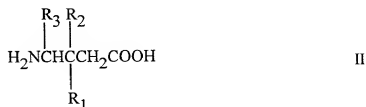
2. A method according to Claim 1 employing a compound of Formula I



wherein R₁ is hydrogen or lower alkyl and n is an integer of from 4 to 6, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. The method according to Claim 2 employing gabapentin.
4. A method according to Claim 2 employing a compound of Formula I wherein the cyclic ring is substituted with one or two groups selected from methyl and ethyl.
5. The method according to Claim 4 employing (1-aminomethyl-3-methylcyclohexyl) acetic acid.
6. The method according to Claim 4 employing (1-aminomethyl-3-methylcyclopentyl) acetic acid.
7. The method according to Claim 4 employing (1-aminomethyl-3,4-dimethylcyclopentyl) acetic acid.

8. A method according to Claim 1 employing a compound of Formula II



wherein R₁ is a straight or branched alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, or cycloalkyl of from 3 to 6 carbon atoms;

R₂ is hydrogen or methyl; and

R₃ is hydrogen, methyl, or carboxyl, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

9. The method according to Claim 8 employing pregabalin.
10. The method according to Claim 8 employing R-(3)-(aminomethyl)-5-methyl-hexanoic acid.
11. The method according to Claim 8 employing 3-(1-aminoethyl)-5-methyl-hexanoic acid.